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     The stoma flange cutter anticipated by Seib et al that you
referenced and compared to my invention is a device used in
the medical field to cut an ostomy or stoma flange for
people who have had colostomies, whereas, my cabbage cutter
is a kitchen utensil in the food preparation field used to
cut and chop cabbage. It is unlikely that a stoma flange
cutter would ever be used in a kitchen to cut or chop a
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